

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

1. A video display apparatus comprising:
 - means for enabling a player to select one of a plurality of video
 - 5 simulations, wherein each video simulation is based on a different player-operable entertainment machine;
 - means to produce said selected video simulation of a player-operable entertainment machine; and
 - means for enabling the player to cause a game to be played with the
 - 10 selected video-simulation.
2. The video display apparatus of Claim 1, which includes an internet web server operable to produce said video simulation on a web browser connected to a monitor.
- 15 3. The video display apparatus of Claim 1, which includes enabling the player to select one of the video simulations from a display menu.
- 20 4. The video display apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the produced video simulation includes displaying at least one front panel of a coin-operated entertainment machine.
- 25 5. The video display apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the produced video simulation includes displaying an upper front panel and a lower front panel.
- 30 6. The video display apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the produced video simulation includes displaying a trail-based feature game on the front panel.

7. The video display apparatus of Claim 4, wherein the produced video simulation includes displaying a main display device which includes a plurality of symbol-bearing side-by-side reels that are each rotatable behind a window in the front panel.

8. The video display apparatus of Claim 7, wherein each reel has a predetermined plurality of symbols which are displayed in sequence during rotation.

9. The video display apparatus of Claim 8, wherein when each reel stops rotating, at least one selected symbol is displayed on at least one win line, wherein the displayed symbol is selected from a plurality of symbols which is greater than said predetermined plurality.

10. The video display apparatus of Claim 1, which includes means to enable the player to input an amount of game play credit, wherein said game is playable when a predetermined amount of game play credit is inputted.

11. The video display apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the inputted amount of game play credit is transferable between said video simulations of different player operable entertainment machines.

12. The video display apparatus of Claim 1, which includes means to provide the player an award following a winning outcome in said played game.

13. The video display apparatus of Claim 12, which includes a compensator operable to: monitor the provided awards, determine a percentage of inputted game play credits which are provided as awards to the player and influence the outcome of said played games to maintain the percentage within a predetermined range.

14. The video display apparatus of Claim 1, which includes a monitoring device operable to monitor at least one parameter of player operation of at least one of said games played.

15. A video display apparatus operable over a network, said video display apparatus comprising:

means to produce a video simulation of a symbol bearing rotatable reel entertainment machine, wherein each simulated reel has a predetermined plurality of symbols;

means for enabling a player to cause a game to be played and displayed on said video simulation, wherein said game includes sequentially displaying the plurality of symbols on the reels during at least one rotation of the reels; and

means to provide an outcome in said game based on at least one selected symbol on at least one win line wherein the symbol is selected from a plurality of symbols which is greater than said predetermined plurality of symbols.

16. The video display apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said network is an internet.

17. A video display apparatus operable over a network, said video display apparatus comprising:

means to produce a video simulation of a symbol bearing rotatable reel entertainment machine;

5 means to enable a player to input an amount of game play credit, wherein at least one game play is displayed on said video simulation when a predetermined amount of game play credit is inputted;

means to provide the player an award following a winning outcome in said played game; and

10 a compensator operable to: monitor the provided awards, determine a percentage of inputted game play credits which are provided as awards to the player and influence the outcome of said played games to maintain the percentage within a predetermined range.

15 18. The video display apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said network is an internet.

19. A video display apparatus operable over a network, said video display apparatus comprising:

20 means to produce a video simulation of a symbol bearing rotatable reel entertainment machine;

means for enabling a player to cause a game to be played and displayed on said video simulation; and

25 a monitoring device operable to assess and evaluate the usage of the machine.

20. The video display apparatus of Claim 19, wherein said network is an internet.